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SUBJECT: HMG'S POSITIVE REACTION TO POTUS' EUROPEAN-BASED  
MISSILE DEFENSE DECISION

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y REF: PARA 1 & 2 CLASS CHANGED REF: SECSTATE 96550

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Greg Berry for Reasons 1.4 a, b, and d

1. (S) HMG will adopt a "supportive position" regarding President Obama's decision about European-based missile defense, Judith Gough (Protect)
  2. (S) Gough and John Saltford (Protect), Deputy Team Leader for Missile Defense and Space Security in the FCO's Security Policy Group, stated in PM Brown's Public Statement -----
  3. (SBU) Prime Minister Brown stated at a press conference in Brussels September 17 that "I strongly support the decision that is being made by the UK Government."
- SUSMAN